

Flickr Basic and Creative Commons Searches

To begin a basic search in **Flickr**, type one or more **keywords** into the **Search box** and click **Search**.

The first image below shows a basic search results page. Many Flickr users allow anyone to view their photos, but do not provide explicit up-front permission for you to use them. To request permission to use a non CC-licensed photo, you can email the photographer via his or her Flickr account (but you must have a Flickr account to do so). Many users will give permission, especially for educational or personal use.

The second image below provides guidance in searching for **Flickr Creative Commons** licensed photos. You are free to use CC-licensed photos as long as you provide an attribution (give credit) and honor any other license restrictions as specified.

The screenshot shows the Flickr search results for the keyword "bento". The page includes the Flickr logo, navigation links (Home, The Tour, Sign Up, Explore), and a search bar with "bento" entered. Below the search bar are tabs for "Photos", "Groups", and "People". The "Photos" tab is selected, showing 27,032 results. The results are sorted by "Most recent" and "Most interesting". The first result is "Birdy Bento" by "Look at my photos", uploaded on 18 January 2007. The second result is "Tour Eiffel Snack Bento" by "Sakurako Kitsa", uploaded on 7 April 2007. The page also features sponsored results for "Japanese Bento Boxes" and "Bento" products.

Annotations:

- Click to search for a Group (multi-user photo collections around a particular theme).
- Access Advanced search features.
- Type keyword(s) and click Search. Multiple keywords will narrow search results to photos containing ALL terms.
- Select "Tags only" to search tags instead of all text.
- View as slideshow (ES)
- View search results as a slide show.
- Click a username to view all photos by that user.
- Click a tag to explore all photos tagged as such.
- Click the photo thumbnail to view the photo page.

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I tend to try this one first, just because it has the most photos.